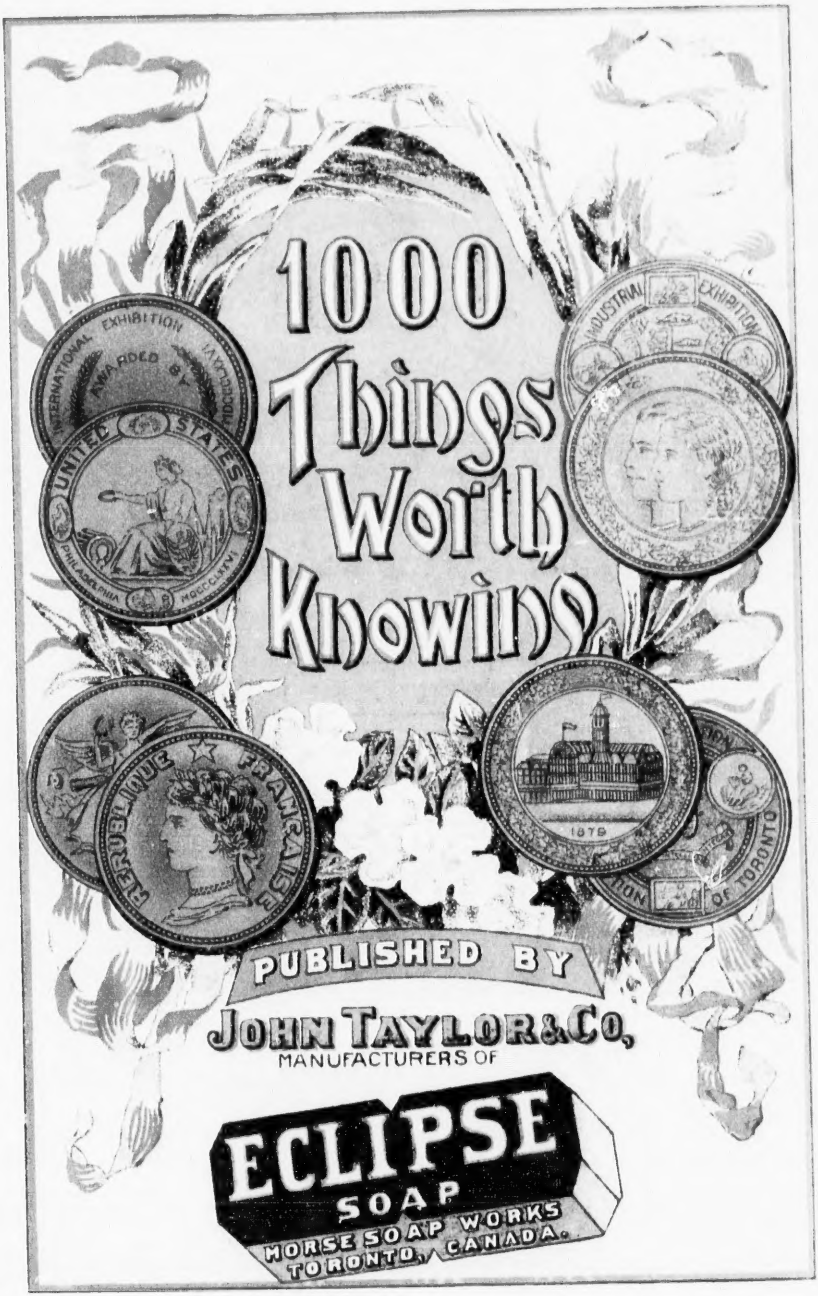
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The safest course if caught in a thunder storm is to allow one's self to become thoroughly soaked. The chances of safety from lightning are ten to one in favor of the wet person.

In 1877, Falcon Island, in the Friendly group, began as a smoking shoal; ten years later it was a volcanic island about 300 feet high, and over 1½ miles long; now it is disappearing.

Cotton is the most important U.S. export, the value last year amounting to over $195,000,000. Bread stuffs amount to some $50,000,000 less, with other provisions to nearly as great a value.

Green wood hisses and splutters when burning because of the large amount of water contained in its fibres, which is changed into steam by the heat, and bursts off tiny splinters.

Captain Parry speaks of the great distance that sound can be heard during intense cold. "We often," he says, "in the Arctic regions hear people converse in a common voice at the distance of a mile.

The two Americas are, combined, almost exactly the area of Asia.

It is reported that near Florence some peasants digging to extirpate the roots of some very large trees have discovered the skeleton of an elephant, of which the two fossilized tusks weigh about 7cwt., and are 6 metres (19 feet) long.

Some famous old books still in existence are bound in tanned human skin.

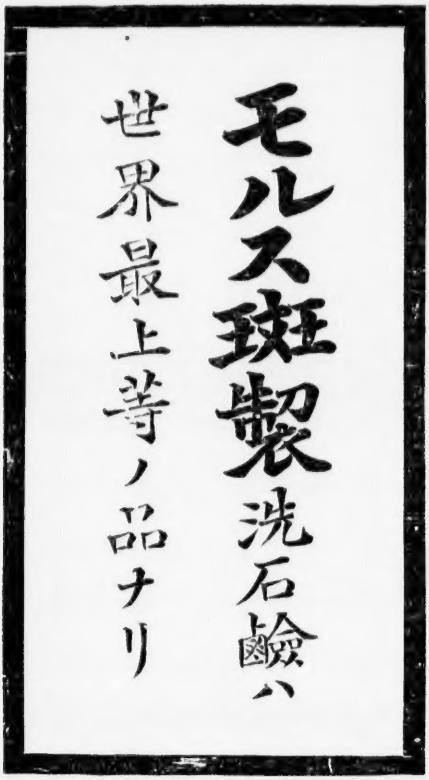
Eclipse soap is well named—it simply obscures all competitors by reason of its quality alone.

The smallest bird is a Brazilian humming-bird. It is a little larger than a common honey-bee, and weighs five grains.

Paradoxical as it may sound, there are several varieties of fish that cannot swim. In every instance they are deep-sea dwellers.

According to the most delicate experiments of the most famous scientists, the heat of the lunar rays which reach the earth is scarcely the twelfth-millionth of a degree.

According to Prof. Barnard, there is no ground for the supposition that the rings of Saturn are closing in upon the planet, as his observations show that no changes have taken place since the first systematic measures were made.



LITERAL TRANSLATION

"We, of the Great Central Flowery Kingdom, its children, use only Eclipse called Soap in our laundries."

SAM LEE, CHUNG FOO,
LEE HUNG, SAM SING,
LUNG KANG, CHU CHING,
JOHN LUNG, and more fifty, we sign.

Toronto of Canada, Month the Twelve, day 2nd, 25,300 year (1897).

NOTE.—Those of our readers who desire to compare our translation with the original should observe that the latter is read downwards, beginning at the upper right hand corner, with the signs for "We of the Great Central Flowery Kingdom," etc.

In investigating the dust of railway carriages in Germany, under the direction of the Imperial Board of Health, it was found that in fourth-class cars there were more than twelve thousand germs per meter; in first-class cars, one-fifth of this number.

One-third of the people who go mad are said to recover their senses.

Taking Dr. Elkins' measurement of its distance, the star Arcturus exceeds the sun in actual brightness 5,000 times.

Artificial legs and arms were in use in Egypt as early as 700 B.C. They were made by the priests, who were the physicians of that early time.

At Plougastel, a small town in Brittany, all the weddings of the year are celebrated on one day. In February last thirty-four couples were married simultaneously.

The total amount expended for school text-books in the Dominion is $600,000 annually, or about ten cents for each inhabitant, and the net profit to publishers is about 10 per cent.

A remarkably large honey locust tree is growing at Mullica Hill, N.J. This tree is eight feet four inches in circumference, two feet from the ground; and seven feet two inches at four feet from the ground.

Sneezing is averted by pressing the upper lip near the nose.

French law requires that a body shall be buried within forty-eight hours after death, unless it is embalmed.

Jew's-harps are made chiefly in Italy, the seat of the industry since the sixteenth century.

In the grape district of France, night watchmen are posted who ring frost bells to arouse the vineyard hands when a frost is threatened.

A Swiss scientist has been testing the presence of bacteria in the mountain air, and finds that not a single microbe exists above an altitude of 2,000 feet.

In the year 1880, in the State of Georgia, a child was born without any bones and lived for eleven years without getting much larger than when it was born.

Dr. Bell, of Tennessee, gives an account of a woman 71 years of age who shed her bones. When she shed one a new one was always there to replace it. Do you believe this yarn?

On the banks of the River Purus, in South America, is a peculiar tribe of people, men, women, and children, whose skins are spotted black and white. Perhaps, but not at all likely.

A Manchester man, named Hopkins, is said to have made stockings or socks of his own hair.

The greatest amount of wheat ever threshed in a day by steam power was eighty-six thousand and sixty-eight pounds, or 38½ tons in a day of eight hours.

The largest water-wheel in the world is at Laxey, in the Isle of Man. It is 7½ feet in diameter, 6 feet broad, and 217 feet in circumference, being equivalent to a steam engine of 200 horse-power.

The largest magnet ever made weighed 1,600 pounds, and had a lifting power of from 30 to 50 tons, or somewhat more than the quantity of soap we make daily.

The highest price recorded as given for a wild animal for exhibition was $10,000, given by the late P. T. Barnum, for the celebrated elephant, Jumbo.

The celebrated Rev. Wm. Dodd, L.L.D., who was hanged at Tyburn, 1777, preached his own funeral sermon in prison prior to his execution before a large crowd, many of whom were personal friends.

The biggest ball ever fired from a cannon was 4 feet in length, and weighed 2,600 pounds.

There are 1,500 million cigarettes smoked throughout the United Kingdom every year.

In one of the Canary Islands there is a tree of the laurel family that rains down occasionally in the early morning quite a copious shower of tears or water-drops from its tufted foliage.

The snake cucumber, while comparatively small in diameter, attains the extraordinary length of several feet. One exhibited at the Los Angeles fair was seven feet long, and coiled like a serpent.

In the construction of a copper kettle made at St. Louis for a firm of brewers, between seven and eight thousand pounds of copper were used.

The largest candles made are used for religious purposes, some of them being as heavy as 60 pounds in weight, and 14 feet in length.

The largest tuning fork ever manufactured was made in Hanan; it weighs 72 lbs., and gives 14 double oscillations a second.

The greatest amount of heat ever registered was on the 28th day of July, 1885, when it rose to 162 degrees, in Sierra Leone.

The Sultan of Turkey possesses some of the most costly palaces in the world, the cost of one of them was £700,000, or $3,500,000.

Spruce beer is made by boiling the shoots, bark, and cones of the fir.

Young Canada is in front just now —what with Laurier and the Jubilee, the Klondike, the rise in wheat, and the possession of the finest country under the sun, what more could Canada want? Only Eclipse soap to complete the bill.

A SOG.

'Tis the first day of sprig,
Ad all the birds sig
Their sweet, tedder sogs to the roses;
The lilies will bloob
Od code widter's toob—
Such a tibe we're havi'g, oh, Boses!

When may a man be said to breakfast before he gets up? When he takes a roll in bed.

Why do pianos bear the noblest characters? Because they are grand, upright, and square.

When is a fowl's neck like a bell? When it's wrung for dinner.

Why is a hen on the fence like a penny? Head on one side, tail on the other.

In the West Indies red pepper is a favorite remedy for many ailments. In all cases of sore throat it is used as a gargle, while it is regarded also as a specific for scarlet fever and scarlatina.

Why are potatoes and corn like certain sinners of old? Because having eyes they see not, and having ears they hear not.

How long did Cain hate his brother? As long as he was Abel.

Keep your teeth clean. Use a stiff rather than a soft brush. Your gums may be sore for a time, but you will find that they will soon become hardened, and the blood will circulate through them more freely.

The supposed grave of Eve is visited by over 40,000 pilgrims each year. It is to be seen at Jeddah, in a cemetery outside the city walls. The tomb is 50 cubits long, and 12 wide. The Arabs entertain the belief that Eve was the tallest woman that ever lived.

Hook discovered fourteen thousand mirrors in the eyes of a drone bee.

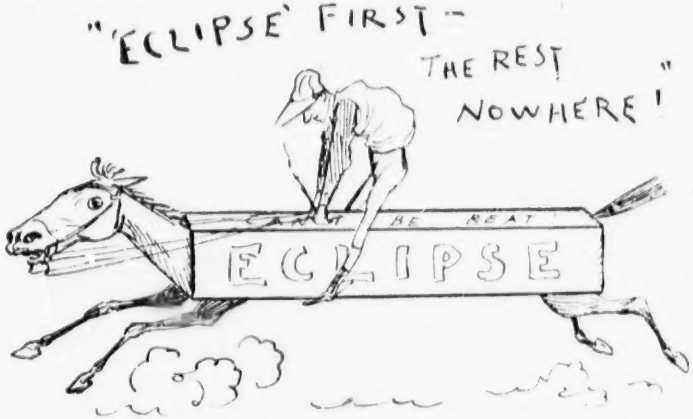
The deepest mine in the world is the Lambert coal mine in Belgium, 3,490 feet.

In Marseilles imitation nutmegs were formerly made from bran, clay, and nutmeg refuse.

All baked puddings, if placed in cold water for a few minutes before taking to the table, will leave the dish freely.

The oldest bank in the world is said to be at Naples, Italy, as the Monte Vecchio of Venice, and the Banco San Giorgio, at Genoa, both founded in the 12th century, have ceased to exist, as has also the Bank of Barcelona, founded in the 14th century. The Bank of Naples was founded in 1539, and is a State bank with a considerable capital, to which no one lays any claim. As described by the British Consul at Naples, it is a joint-stock bank, but with no shareholders.

"John Bull" allows the King of Greece £1,000 a year, and has done so for the last 33 years, so that the entire sum of British money paid to that monarch amounts to £232,000. This country has also lent Greece the large sum of a million and a half, for which it charges only ½ per cent. The country also lent a very large sum to the King of Sardinia a long time ago on very easy terms, though Italy is returning that steadily. The Sultan of Turkey, too, received an immense sum of money from the British Government after the Russian war, though it may be that we took the last look at it the day it left the Treasury.



Some soap, like some horses, must take the lead. Eclipse soap has it, for its quality alone has put it there. All shades and grades of society use it; from the chimney sweep to the Lieut.-Governor.

Sesostris erected in the temple of Memphis statues of himself and his wife, 50 feet high, and of his children, 28 feet.

The longest span of wire in the world is used for a telegraph in India over the River Kistnah. It is more than 6,000 feet in length, and is 1,200 feet high.

Eight aqueducts supplied ancient Rome with water, delivering 40 millions of cubic feet daily. That of Claudia was 47 miles long, and 100 feet high.

London has 4,342 doctors, of whom 60 are women, and as many as 15,542 nurses to minister to its needs; of the latter the great majority (14,662) are women.

The old Norse rune N was called Nyth or Nyd, and meant necessity, compulsion, or knot. The Scandinavian bridegroom drew this rune on the finger-nail of the bride. This Rune standing alone meant either compulsion or marriage.

The cold, by checking vegetable life, and by driving insects to hide themselves, drives the birds to warmer climates, where there is no icy key to the cupboard; and the heat, by drying up the vegetation, sends them to more temperate climes.

When can donkey be spelt with one letter? When it is "U."

There is always room at the top for one of a kind, and this kind is soap, and this soap is Eclipse—a safe, durable, economical laundry soap. Buy Eclipse.

Oak trees are more frequently struck by lightning than any other tree because the grain of the oak being closer than that of any other tree of equal bulk, renders it a better conductor. Oak also contains much iron.

There is a tulip tree at Pitkeathly, said to be upwards of a 100 years.

Trinity Church spire, New York, is 283 feet in height.

The old London bridge was the first stone bridge. Commenced in 1176, completed in 1209.

The Britannia bridge, over the Menai Strait, Wales, is of wrought iron, 1,511 feet long, and 103 above high water. Finished in 1850. Cost $3,008,000.

The Pyramid of Cheops, Egypt, is 486 feet high.

The greatest number imprisoned at any one time in the Andersonville prison was 33,006.

At the age of 36 the lean man unually becomes fatter, and the fat man leaner.

The big trees (redwoods) of Calaveras, Cal., are 92 in number, ten being 30 feet in diameter. They range in height from 150 to 237 feet and in age from 1,000 to 3,500 years.

One horse power is the strength necessary to lift 33,000 pounds one foot per minute.

The nearest fixed star is 16,000,000,000 miles distant, and takes three years for light to reach the earth.

Potassium was discovered in 1806 by Sir Humphry Davy.

Tansy leaves, if scattered over woollens, will prevent the incursion of moths.

Among flowers the chrysanthemum is said to live the longest after being cut.

If you value your umbrella, and would not like to buy another, see that it drips with the handle down.

Atalanta has an ordinance prohibiting vehicles from passing places of worship at a rapid rate of speed on Sundays.

Every furnace should be provided with a cold air pipe, from which pure out-door air may be fed to the fire. This will do away with all danger from cellar gases.

Low down farm waggons are labour saving. The low wheels make loading comparatively easy, and the broad tyres prevent cutting into the ground and making deep ruts.

Perhaps the most ancient of medicines is hops, which were used in the dual capacity of an intoxicating beverage, and as a medicine in 2,000 B.C. This is attested by pictures of the plant on the Egyptian monuments of that date.

An average pedestrian covers about 30 inches to each step. The average wheelman at one revolution of his pedals (which is equivalent to a step) covers about 17 feet, and as the movement is so easy and devoid of fatigue, he usually raises his foot twice as often in the same time, thus covering 34 feet, while the pedestrian goes 2½ feet.

To dry autumn leaves, hang them with the cut stalks uppermost, and after two days take them down and dip them in a solution of size and water; then hang them up again to get perfectly dry. Bramble and beech leaves make a beautiful winter decoration for table and flower vases. All grasses and rushes should be dried with the heads downwards, as this sends the sap into the leaves and flowers.

For seven years the St. Lawrence river gradually decreases in depth; then for seven years it gradually increases in depth, the difference in level being about five feet. Why it does so, no one has yet discovered.

The reputation of a certain well-known "prophet" in London, who but lately announced positively the end of the world in 1900, has been seriously impaired by the fact that a fortnight ago it was discovered that he had since paid a high premium to secure the lease of business premises for fifteen years.

Michaelmas geese take the place of Thanksgiving turkeys in England, but the demand for the bird has been steadily decreasing of years. Either the taste for goose or the observance of gastronomic holidays is dying out.

In Germany when the vote of the jury stands six against six, the prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven against five leaves the decision to the court, and in a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.

No thistles grew in Australia till a Scotchman planted some seed out of love for his old country. It was a very natural but foolish deed, for now the thistle has multiplied into millions, and gives a great deal of trouble.

A horse will live 25 days without solid food, merely drinking water; 17 days without either eating or drinking, and only 5 days when eating solid food without drinking.

The Russians make a palatable drink from the sap of the walnut tree.

A gunboat has made its way thirty miles up the Athara River, which flows into the Nile just above Berber, being the first steamer that ever floated on it. The water was unusually high.

At Port Morseby, New Guinea, recently, six young native girls pleaded guilty before a white magistrate to a charge of theft. As they were rather young to send to prison, his worship took each offender across his knee and spanked her.

Queen Victoria and the Empress of Austria represents the extreme in weight among the royal ladies in Europe. Victoria weighs a plump 224 pounds, and the Austrian Empress 102. The difference in their height is also extremely marked.

A regularly organized system of relieving poverty has been in vogue in China for more than 2,000 years. It is said that an organized system of charity prevailed among the Egyptians 2,500 years before Christ.

Queen Victoria has paid $800 for the walking stick Prince Charlie forgot by his bedside at Culloden Castle when he went out to fight the battle. It has a handle with two heads carved on it, representing folly and wisdom.

The horses of German cavalry regiments are to be entirely shod with paper shoes, recent experiments as to their durability and lightness having proved very satisfactory.

Our senses do not fall asleep simultaneously. The eyelids are the first affected, and shut out sight; next follows the sense of taste, then smelling, hearing, and touch, the last named being the lightest sleep, and most easily aroused.

The most beautiful mellow-toned, as well as the most beautifully made, and the most expensive flute in the world, is owned by a man named Henry Jaeger. The distinction is given to it by reason of the fact that it is made of 18-carat gold, wonderfully engraved, and the keys are of silver.

As illustrating the excellence of the paper (which is made from unused linen scraps) upon which Bank of England notes are printed, it is stated that when one of these notes is twisted into a rope it will sustain a weight of 395 pounds.

It is believed that some of the camels imported in 1853 to run wild in Arizona, are still in existence. Indians occasionally report having seen some, and lately the International Boundary Commission saw two with their spy-glasses on the Mexican border.

Mattresses should be turned daily to prevent them wearing unevenly.

Naturalists say that a swallow will devour 6,000 flies an hour.

Herodotus speaks of the Egyptian beer as "barley wine."

It has been computed by geographers that if the sea were emptied of its waters, and all the rivers of the earth were to pour their present floods into the vacant space, allowing nothing for evaporation, 40,000 years would be required to bring the water of the ocean up to its present level.

The term "penny" as applied to nails, is generally supposed to have been derived from pound. It originally meant so many pounds to the thousand—that is, sixpenny means six pounds of nails to the thousand. The thousand was always understood, and six pound, ten pound, &c., were gradually shortened until the present penny has entirely taken the place of pound.

Cinnamon is the inner bark of a tree of the laurel family.

Over one hundred kinds of wine are made in Australia.

A little salt put in the reservoir of the lamp will make a clear, steady light.

Vermuth is composed of white wine, angelica, absinthe, and aromatic herbs.

Throughout India and all South Asia, cardamon seeds are used as a condiment.

Windows can be beautifully polished by using a newspaper instead of a cloth for drying.

Any one, or all of 36 volumes of popular novels for Eclipse wrappers. See coupon around every Twin bar of Eclipse soap.

Cork, if sunk 200 feet deep in the ocean will not rise on account of the pressure of the water.

In the Arctic, when the thermometer is below zero, persons can converse more than a mile distant.

The danger of children being born deaf and dumb is six times greater when the parents are cousins.

The deaths in England from drink are 1,082 annually.

In 1834, four men were taken out of a mine in England, alive, after four days without food.

Your health depends upon cleanliness and soap—good soap—Eclipse soap ensures this. Your grocer sells it.

Norway exports 160,000 tons of ice yearly, valued at $1.75 per ton, mostly for Britain.

Mrs. Snooper reading)—The longest word in the Winnebago language is Shonkhaterahizanhomikonkcinena. It means, "I will give you a horse."

Snooper—It is more likely to give one the lockjaw.

"A clergyman is accused of being seen tying a tin can to a dog's tail." Well, what of it? Some people are unreasonable enough to expect that because a man is a minister he ought to tie silver goblets to dogs' tails.

The nutmeg tree begins to bear in the seventh or eighth year, and lives seventy to eighty years.

An Englishman visiting Lake Simcoe, asked a native if there was good fishing in the lake. "Oh, yes! stranger." "What kind of fish do you catch here?" "Oh, all kinds, stranger." "What did the largest fish you ever caught here weigh?" "Wall, stranger, we don't take no weighing machines when we goes fishing, and I am an honest man, and wouldn't like to say how much that last trout I caught would weigh. But I tell you, stranger, when I pulled that fish out of the water the lake went down a foot.

If you saw a house on fire what three celebrated authors would you feel disposed at once to name? Dickens, Howitt, Burns.

What is the difference between photographing and the whooping cough? One makes fac-similes, and the other makes sick families.

Cinnamon is raised extensively not only in Ceylon, but in many parts of India, in Siam, Java, and Sumatra.

In the Town Hall at Sydney, Australia, is built the largest pipe-organ in the world. It has five manuals and pedals, and 146 stops.

In the famous Garden of Olives, at Jerusalem, there are eight flourshing olive trees that are known to be over one thousand years old.

Recent enlargement of our factory with additional hands, will enable us to do with some ease what we have hitherto done with difficulty, namely, supply the demand for Eclipse soap.

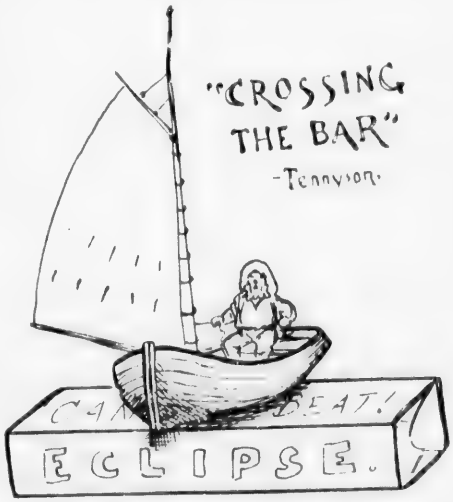
A hundred times more trouble is caused by men who can get work, but won't work, than by the men who want work, but can not get it.

At the Private Theatricals. Miss Ingenue Oh my! I can never go on the stage in this skirt. It's half way to my knees! Sympathetic Friend—That's too bad, isn't it? Wait a moment dear, and I'll get you the scissors.

Greek wines nearly all turn to vinegar in summer.

Ruth—I understand Percy Highlife has stopped trying to trace back his family tree. I suppose the further back he went the harder it got? Freddy—Yes—and the further back he went the harder his ancestors got, too.—Puck.

The clove is the product of a tree belonging to the myrtle family.



How many bars are there pray? There is the bar of public opinion; the bar of justice; the bar sinister the less of this we know the better; that other bar, where liquids are dispensed; but above all, is Eclipse bar—always good, harmless, and worth the money.

The smallest religious sect is in Western Australia, where a man and his wife form the Church of Silent Adorers.

Cigars a foot long are smoked by Philippine Islanders.

Dog farming is now carried on in China as systematically as sheep farming is anywhere else.

The finest collection of pipes in the world is owned by Captain Bragge, and contains five thousand specimens.

A wasp will live about a quarter of an hour after it has been cut in two.

The best annual yield of butter given by a cow is nine hundred and forty-five pounds, nine ounces.

In the reign of Elizabeth every beard of a fortnight's growth was subject to a tax of 3 shillings and 6 pence.

There is a luxurious hotel for cats at Philadelphia, U.S., where persons taking their summer holidays can leave their domestic pets to be taken care of during their absence.

No bird of prey ever has the power of song.

Numerous instances are on record of dogs, horses and birds which have been so overcome by grief that sorrow has actually caused a rupture of the heart, of which they have died.

Full grown trees have on an average seven million leaves.

Apples, if eaten by a person in a state of intoxication, have a wonderful effect in restoring lucidity of thought and sobriety, those of an acid flavour being the most efficacious.

A kangaroo can leap from 60 to 70 feet.

In the year 1890 there was a total output from the paper mills of the world of 2,250,000 tons.

The man who gave the most money to charities in the world was Mr. Geo. Peabody who, during his lifetime, gave £500,000 to the poor of London.

The best food for brain work is oatmeal, fruit, wheat, and fish.

Wild animals are decreasing rapidly in almost every country of the world.

The total distance travelled by the postmen of London, England, combined is 48,000 miles per day, or a distance equal to nearly twice the circumference of the earth.

Italy has the greatest number of animals of any European country.

The largest apple tree in the world is in Cheshire county, its age can be traced by a family tradition to 140 years old, and it may be 25 years older than that. It yields from 90 to 100 bushels a year; its circumference is 130 feet 8 inches.

It is estimated that between forty and forty two thousand people in the United Kingdom wear glass eyes.

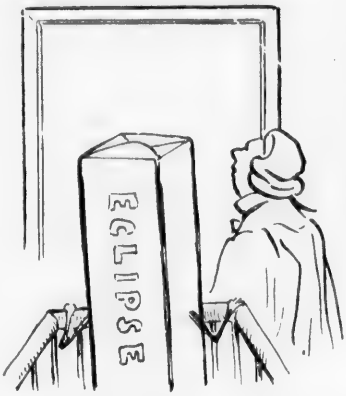
The Dominion has an area of 3,315,647 square miles, or, including its water surface, 3,456,461 squares miles. It is 3,500 miles from east to west, and 1,409 from north to south.

From the head of Lake Superior to the ocean is 2,384 miles.

Vancouver Island is 300 miles and has an area of 800 square miles.

Between the Rocky Mountains and Hudson Bay there are 860,000 square miles.

In cutting warm bread or cake a warm knife should be used.



Henry Clay was in the Senate of the United States at 29.

Gladstone was in parliament at 22 and at 24 was Lord of the Treasury.

Lord Bacon graduated at Cambridge when 16, and was called to the bar at 21.

Peel was in parliament at 21, and Palmerston was Lord of the Admiralty at 23.

Judge Story was at Harvard at 15, in Congress at 29, and Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States at 32.

Conde conducted a memorable campaign at 17, and at 22 he and Turenne also were the most illustrious men of their time

Webster was in college at 15, gave earnest of his great future before he was 25, and at 30 was the peer of the ablest man in Congress.

John Quincey Adams, at the age of 14, was secretary to Mr. Dana, then minister at the Russian court ; at 30 he was himself minister to Prussia.

Maurice, of Saxony, died at 32, conceded to have been one of the profoundest statesmen and one of the ablest generals which Christendom had seen.

Gustavus Adolphus ascended the throne at 16; before he was 34 he was one of the great rulers of Europe.

Burns was a dull boy, good at athletic exercises only.

Poe at West Point was a laughing-stock to his school mates.

Byron at Harrow was in no way distinguished above his fellows.

Scott tells in his "diary" that for a time he was underrated by his companions.

Napoleon and Wellington in their school days were distinguished only for dullness.

Balzac's family were sarcastically indignant at his presuming to believe he could write.

Sheridan's mother presented the future dramatist to a new tutor as an "incorrigible dunce."

Bismarck once told a friend : "My poor old mother never would believe that there was any good in me.

Goldsmith, up to the time of the publication of "The Traveller" was looked upon as an idiot by almost all who knew him. Afterwards he was dubbed an inspired idiot.

Montaigne tells us in his "Essays" that his effort to become an author was laughed at in his own province.

An acquaintance once told Pope that a thing called "An Essay on Man" was just out, and was "most abominable stuff."

The good burghers of Stratford-on-Avon saw nothing in Will Shakespeare, the butcher's boy, but a wild harum-scarum scatter-brain.

Robert Clive's family were thoroughly disgusted with him by the time he was 18 years old, his reputation for stupidity being then only equalled by his reputation for general wickedness.

Sir Humphrey Davy was by no means esteemed a brilliant boy. "While he was with me," said his teacher, " I could not discern the faculties by which he was so much distinguished.

Daniel Webster was once questioning an old farmer, who did not recognise him, about the Webster family, and was told : "That Dan Webster never was of much account ; but I believe, he went up to Boston and got to be some kind of a lawyer or 'nother.'

The best way to improve a woman's lot is to build a house on it and put a good man into the house.

Why is a sheet of ruled foolscap like a lazy dog? A sheet of ruled foolscap is an ink-lined (inclined) plane. An inclined plane is a slope up (slow pup), and a slow pup is a lazy dog.

If you pull a rabbit's tail what will it say? Nothing.

Why are young ladies like arrows? They can't go off without a beau (bow).

How many hard-boiled eggs could the giant Goliath eat on an empty stomach? Only one.

Boiled rice takes an hour to digest, and boiled suet of beef five hours and a half. These are the extreme limits for ordinary edibles.

Why is swearing like an old coat? It's a bad habit.

What smells most in a drug store? Your nose.

I am a word of four syllables, my first is a preposition meaning upon; my second is produced from coal; my third is a first personal pronoun; and my fourth is an exclamation; my whole is the name of the best country in the world, or one of the best. On-tar-i-o.

"Small profits and quick returns" is a good old motto. Eclipse soap on its merits alone is a quick seller it is the most durable, and hence it is the cheapest laundry soap in the market.

What is the difference between a sculptor and a barber? A sculptor makes faces and busts, and a barber curls up and dyes.

Put twelve cents in six rows with four cents in each row:

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   x                    x x x x
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The British War Office authorities are a good deal troubled over the results of using cordite for artillery. At recent practice at Okehampton, out of eighteen guns of the Horse Artillery using cordite in place of ordinary powder, seven guns became useless after firing only two rounds each.

Sixty years ago 20,000 gallons of wine were consumed at the coronation festivities of Queen Victoria. The committee in charge of the Queen's jubilee celebration "courteously declined to accept five pipes of port wine offered by wine merchants." Temperance sentiment is making headway in England.

An English steamship engineer has recently acquired the distinction of being probably the only man ever bitten by a West African double horned viper, who has lived to tell of it. The doctor kept him full of brandy and injected iodine into the wound. His temperature rose to 107.2.

A feature of the population statistics in Western Australia is the large proportion of males to females. The disparity is maintained in the arrivals by sea. At present there are 45 females to every 100 males.

Evidence has been recently produced that the Chinese were in Mexico 2,000 years ago, and that they were in the South Sea Islands even before that. Not much!

It is said the South American Imperial Eagle can soar from 10,000 to 15,000 feet high. The condor can exceed this.

A millimetre is the one thousandth part of a yard.

Chicago owns the largest cabbage garden—700 acres. It produces over a million cabbages a year.

It is not true that persons falling into the water always rise to the surface three times before finally sinking. They may or may not.

The highest price ever paid for a bouquet, or wreath, was £1,250, or over $3,000. It was a jubilee present to the Queen.

The Scots Greys own more captured flags than are held by any other British regiment.

Brooklyn has the biggest bake-house. It consumes 300 barrels a day, and turns out 75,000 loaves; 350 men work in the bake-house, and over 100 waggons deliver bread.

Col. North, the Nitrate King, once gave a waiter a $5,000 tip!

The encalyptus is the fastest growing tree. It has been known to increase in height 24 feet in three months. They range from 200 to 400 feet high.

Elms attain full growth in 150 years, and live 500 or 600 years.

The ash is full grown at 100 years.

A lady in Galveston, Texas, has hair that trails over 4 feet on the ground. It is red—that is, the hair—not the ground!

In the Isle of Man (which has its own legislature) all new laws are proclaimed on the fifth day of May, from the top of Tynwald Hill.

Burmese smoke cheroots sometimes 18 inches long.

When a man is found drunk in Denmark on the street, he is sent home in a carriage at the expense of the publican who sold him the last glass. Query, how do they find this out?

There were at least a quarter of a million admitted to the Industrial Fair at Toronto this year.

The largest club house in the world belongs to the Constitutional Club in London. The dinning-room alone is 110 feet long.

The biggest oysters are found at Port Lincoln in S. Australia. One makes a meal.

George Stopman, of Philadelphia, carried 3,300 pounds of iron around a hall where he was showing his strength. He stands 6 feet 4½ inches, measures 50 inches around the chest, and weighs 273 pounds.

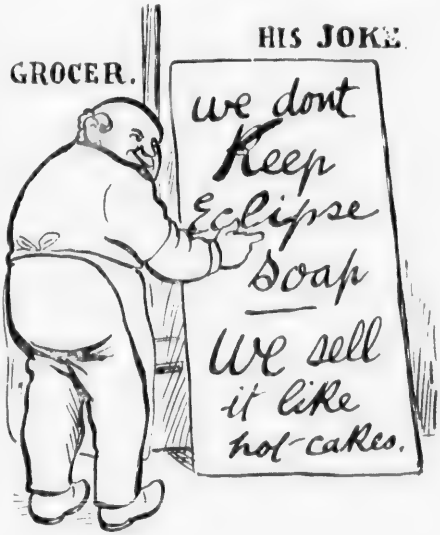
The garden snail has 14,175 teeth in 135 rows.

The Rothschilds smoke cigars worth a dollar and a half each.

May is thought to be an unlucky month for marriage.

Fifteen sittings of the British Parliament have extended into Sundays.

About 80,000 school children in Germany are stutterers.



When the immortal Shakespeare wrote the famous short sentence, "All the world's a stage," he little knew what a continent we would have over here, and how Eclipse soap would cover that stage in Canada. Eclipse is an excellent soap. Try it.

Every cooking utensil should be immediately filled with lukewarm water after using.

Poultices should be mixed with boiling water and boiled for a few minutes. It helps them to retain the heat.

Camphor will prevent the ravages of mice. For water-bugs fill cracks and crevices with a paste made of two tablespoons of plaster of Paris, one teaspoon of sugar, and one tablespoon of green tea.

A stove rubbed daily with a soft cloth and a few drops of kerosene or sweet oil may be kept black and clean, though not polished. Substances spilled on such a stove may be cleaned off with soap and water better than one kept black with lead.

A sponge wrung from cold water and filled with fine white sugar pressed well into the pores, placed where red ants frequent, will exterminate them. After a few hours immerse the sponge in boiling water. When clean, refill and use as before. When all are captured, scrub the place well, and sprinkle with red pepper and borax.

For burns take equal parts of linseed oil and lime water mixed and pour over the burn. A cotton or linen cloth wrung out of the mixture and laid upon the wound. If this preparation is faithfully used, it will be found to remove pain and give a great deal of comfort. Pure glycerine is a most excellent remedy also. When first applied it causes smarting, but this soon ceases, and the actual pain of the burn is much relieved. Glycerine is said to favor rapid healing. The sooner it is applied after the accident, the quicker good results will be obtained.

"Bah!" said the old soldier. "You never saw a battle, except in a picture."

"No," admitted the young man. "I never did. But I have been on the same street with a policeman who was shooting at a dog."—Dundas True Banner.

A close friend is one who will not lend you any money, and a dear friend is one who borrows all you will give him.—Bobcaygeon Independent.

Castleton—Here comes my tailor, old man.

Clubberly—Shall we walk across the street?

"No. Let's run."—Pefferlaw Journal.

The Rescuer—How did you come to fall in?

The Rescued—I didn't come to fall in; I came to fish.—Mimico Herald.

Professor—Mr. Oar, this is an example in subtraction. Seven boys went down to the river to bathe, but two of them had been told not to go in the water. Now, can you tell me how many went in?

Oar—Yes, Sir; seven.—Hogg's Hollow Cosmopolitan.

Some days that we spend are exactly like cards;
Thus everything here has its use;
You may feel like a king in the wee small hours,
Next morning you feel like the deuce.

The largest church collection ever made was at the opening of the Wellington United Presbyterian Church in Glasgow, the amount being £11,275 11s. 2d.

The Duke of Westminster, by the end of the century, will have house property on his London estate worth $75,000,000.

The Duke of Devonshire has a conservatory 300 feet long, 145 feet wide, 65 feet high, and with 70,000 square feet of glass. He has an orangery 180 feet long.

In 1890 Edinburgh Freemasons raised twenty thousand pounds at a bazaar held for charitable purposes.

The Bank of England has a capital of $75,000,000. It was established in 1694, when it required only 54 persons to perform its work at the head office. It now employs nearly a thousand persons. It is the most extensive institution of the kind in the world.

The Czar owns the finest yacht in the world. She is 315 feet long, her decks are of colored marble; all her fittings are gorgeous, and she cost $5,000,000.

Spectacles were invented by an Italian named Salvino Armati, who died in 1317.

In the south-west corner of Louisiana is a farm 100 miles from north to south and 25 miles from east to west. The fencing alone cost $50,000. Steam power is used exclusively. There are 16,000 head of cattle kept on the farm.

The Broken Hill Silver Mine in South Australia is the richest in the world. Shares have risen from $ 0 to $150, and the mine is worth $65,000,000.

Ontario bids fair to be one of the leading gold-producing countries. Rich mines exist about the Lake of the Woods, the shore of Lake Superior. Michipecoton is one of the latest gold-fields announced.

Klondyke is beyond the Arctic Circle. Its real summer weather lasts only about six weeks. As a gold-field it has few equals.

A Frenchman named Ferrary is said to have the most valuable collection of postage stamps. It is valued at a quarter of a million dollars. He has refused $10,000 for one of his stamps.

Each person in Holland uses on an average					pounds of coffee.
"	Belgium		8	"	"
"	Norway		6	"	"
"	Switzerland		6	"	"
"	Germany		4	"	"
"	France		2	"	"
"	Austria		2	"	"
"	Italy		1	"	"
"	Britain		3/4	"	"
"	Russia		1	"	"

Tobacco is grown on over 6,000,000 acres, as follows: United States, 753,000; India, 641,000; Austria-Hungary, 150,000; Germany, 49,000; France, 32,000; Algiers, 20,000; Italy, 12,000; Holland, 3,200

Have you ever noticed the strong resinous odor from some soap on washing day? Only a healthy emission from the suds when you use Eclipse Soap. It can't be beat.

What is that which a cat has but no other animal? Kittens.

Why is a mouse like a load of hay? Because the cat'll eat it.

Why is a good actor like a good architect? Because they both draw good houses.

The deepest artesian well is in St. Louis, its depth is 2,200 feet.

Marseilles is supplied with its water by an aqueduct measuring 60 miles in length, carrying 189,120,000 gallons of water daily, and was built at a cost of $2,250,000.

A hawk can fly at the rate of 150 miles an hour.

At a balloon ascension in Paris in 1804, the balloon ascended to a height of 23,000 feet.

The Suspension bridge, running over East River in Brooklyn, measures 10,500 feet, and cost $1,500,000.

The title of Archbishop came into use in the fourth century.

The number of blind persons now living throughout the world is over 2,500,000.

Wine loses its strength after 200 years. Ours loses it in less time.

If a bee, wasp, or hornet stings it is nearly always at the expense of its life.

Snakes are so tenacious of life that they will live for six months without food.

Why does a hen know no night? Because her son never sets.

Why is a large fresh egg like a virtuous deed? It is a good egg sample.

A and B set out from the same place, in the same direction. A travels uniformly 18 miles a day, and after 9 days, turns and goes as far as B has traveled during those 9 days; he then turns once more, and passing his journey, over-takes B 22½ days after the time they first set out. Required the rate at which B uniformly traveled. B travels 10 miles a day?

What makes every one sick but the one that swallows it? Flattery.

Why is a drummer (not a commercial traveller) the greatest man of the day? Because time beats every man, and he beats time.

Why is a passenger on the 12.50 train likely to be behind time? Because it is ten to one if he catches it.

Three men, A, B, and C, travelling with their wives, come to a river which they must cross. The only boat they can have will carry but two persons at a time. How can they all get across, no lady being left without her husband in company with the other gentlemen? (1) Mr. and Mrs. A cross together, and Mr. A brings the boat back. (2) Mrs. B and Mrs. C cross, and Mrs. A returns. (3) Mr. B and Mr. C cross, Mr. and Mrs. B return. (4) Mr. A and Mr. B cross, and Mrs. C returns. (5) Mrs. C and Mr. B cross, and Mr. A returns for Mrs. A. (6) Lastly, Mr. A and Mrs. A cross.

Which are the most entertaining of bats? Acrobats.

What is the best kind of soap to use on a damp, or a dry day? Eclipse, of course.

When are politicians so very sweet you know? When they are candied dates.

If a bushel of corn comes to fifty cents, and a horse comes to the trough, how much will the lot be worth—trough, horse, coin, and corn?

WHERE ECLIPSE SOAP IS MADE.

In this practical age, more than at any period in the world's history, science is the handmaid of commerce, and only those discoveries which have a practical and financial bearing on trade, in some form or other, are regarded as of the first importance. The world has lived through many ages—the stone age—the iron age, etc. and this may be aptly called the Soap age, for at no previous period has this necessary and healthful article of universal use been so prominently in the world's eye. We will now take a walk through the recently enlarged Soap Works at the Don, Toronto, where Eclipse Soap is produced.

The first photo gives us a general view of the buildings, showing the railway and water facilities for receiving material and shipping goods. Our second view shows the boiling room, containing numerous colossal kettles with a weekly capacity of over one hundred tons of soap. To produce this quantity immense supplies of tallow, lard, cocoanut oil, palm, olive and cotton seed oil are necessary. From under the blue skies of Italy comes the olive oil, while the semi-naked natives of Ceylon are busy melting and shipping cocoanut oil for Eclipse Soap. Palm oil comes from the west coast of Africa, and the "reviving" south sends us cotton seed oil. Great Britain sends us chemicals, and the thrifty yeomen of Canada raise the bullocks that yield our supply of tallow.

We now pass on to the cooling room in which the soap, previously run into "frames," is left to cool. When the soap is ready to cut, these frames are taken apart and passed along to the cutting room, thence to the drying room, and in due time the soap is ready for pressing into the Eclipse twin-bars, now so well known throughout Canada. An automatic steam press stamping 80 bars of soap a minute (or at the rate of 15,000,000 a year) is a rarity in Canada, and can only be seen, we believe, at the works where Eclipse Soap is made.

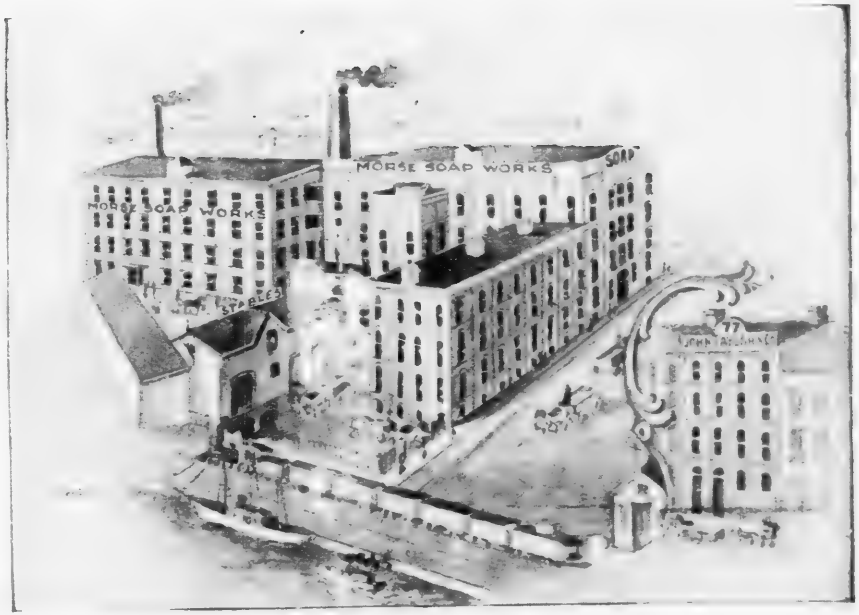
From the press the soap is passed on tiers of racks to the wrappers, whose duty it is to polish every bar of Eclipse Soap that passes through their hands. Wrapping and packing in cases is the final operation, whence the boxes are lowered to the shipping floor, which is convenient to the special railway siding.

A few words about our "test-room," or analytical laboratory, may not be out of place. As may be seen by glancing at the photo, it is fitted up with all modern appliances for the analysis of soaps, testing spent lyes, glycerine, oils, fats, etc. Thus we are enabled to analyze our own raw material and make sure of its purity, consequently better and purer soaps are the result.

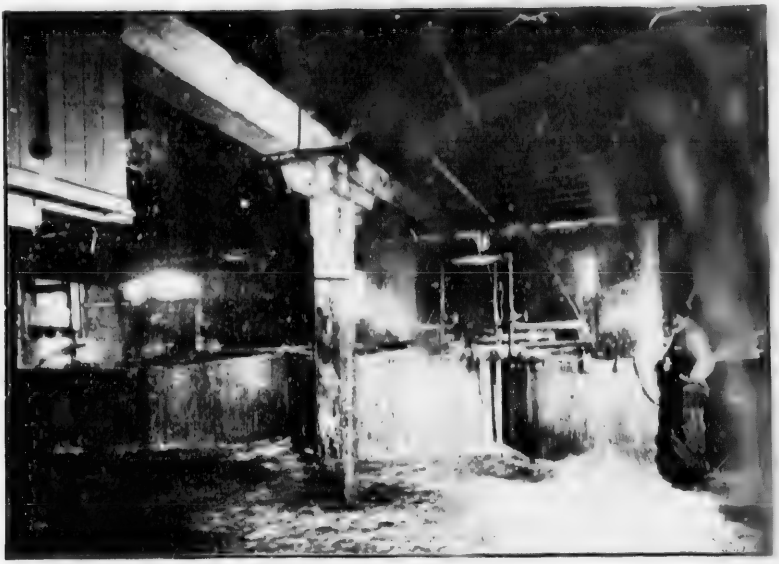
This is not intended as a description of the process of soap-making, (such would be a lengthy technical treatise) but merely a reminder that the popular Eclipse Soap has become established in the households of Canadians, and is made at the Morse Soap Works, Don Station, Toronto.

Any mention of how Eclipse Soap is produced would be incomplete without a reference to the printing department. Ours, we believe, is the only instance in Canada where the printing, paper box making, etc., are conducted on the same premises as soap manufacture. Here millions of wrappers, circulars, fine color work, embossed work, etc., are turned out for the soap and perfumery business only. So it is with the paper box department; some 2,000 boxes per day are completed for the toilet soap and perfumery departments of the firm, and it is gratifying to note that fully ninety per cent. of the materials used in both printing and box making departments are produced in Canada.

☞ Every day someone asks, "What do you consider your best laundry soap"? There is only one answer—Eclipse Soap, of course. But when the same question as to what is the best toilet soap is put, we are puzzled, for among the two hundred varieties that we manufacture there are fifty lines noted for excellence in some special way as to emolliency, odor, etc. Any of the following brands we can safely recommend: Jubilee Violet, Boudoir, Orris Complexion, Wood Violet, Lilac Blossom, Persian Bouquet, Heliotrope, Infants' Delight, 33% Glycerine, Club Cologne, Scotch Oatmeal, White Rose, Trilby, and Fine Oatmeal.



GENERAL VIEW OF WORKS AND OFFICE



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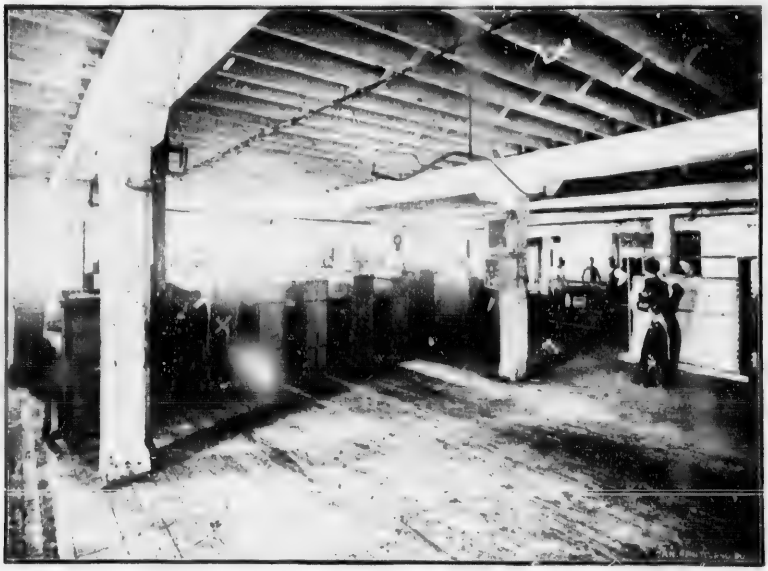

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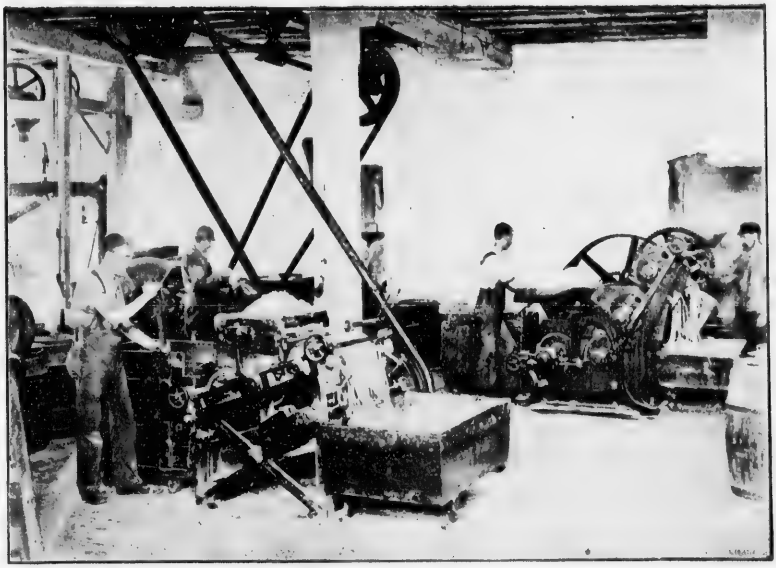

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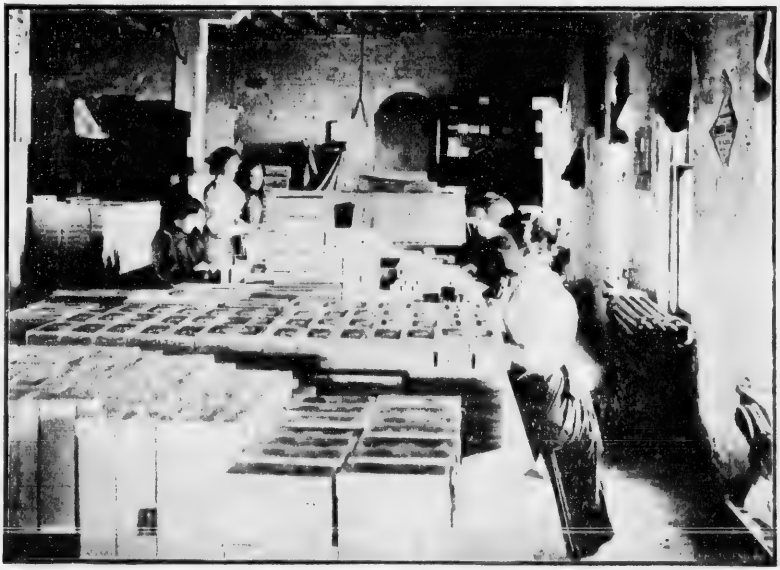

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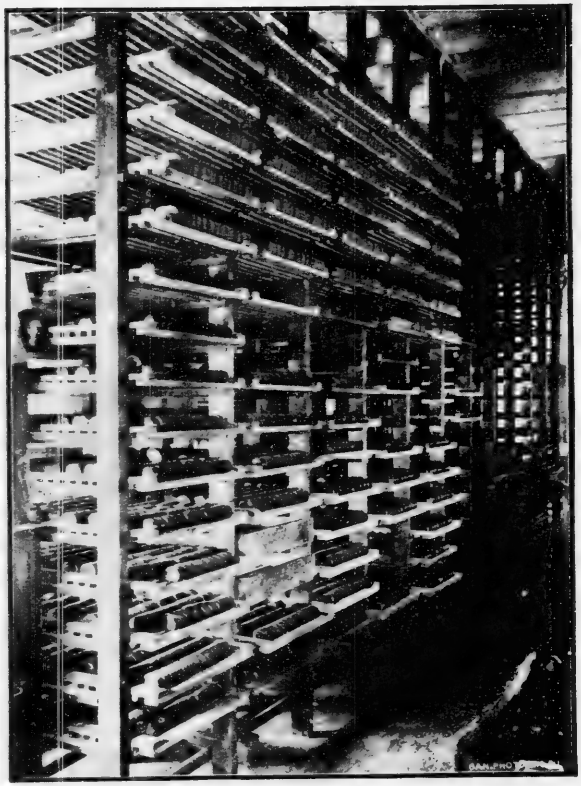

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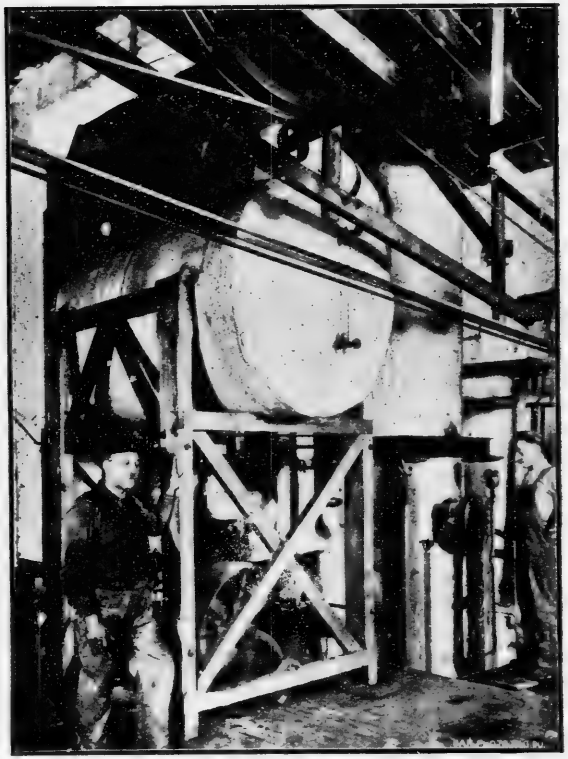

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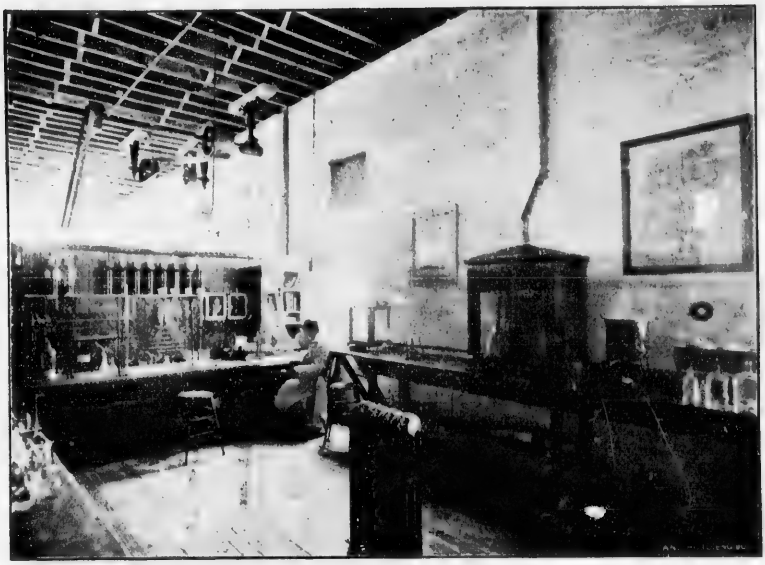

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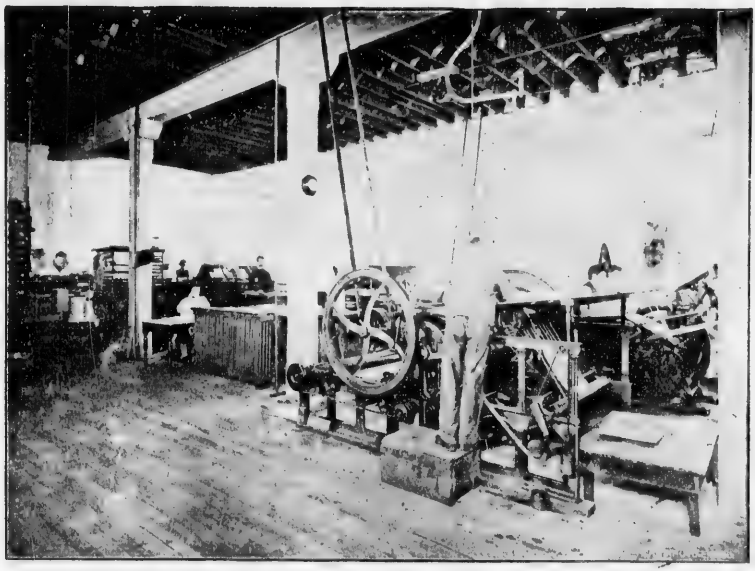
MAKING PAPER BOXES.



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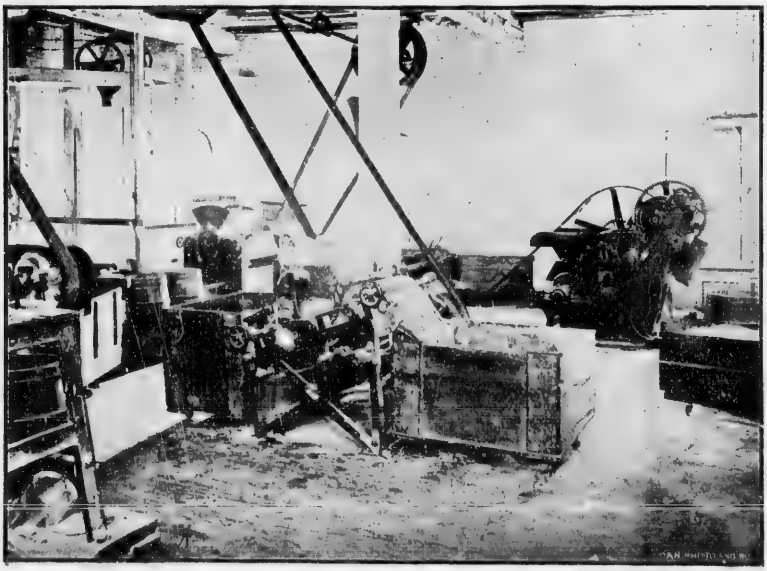


MILLING DEPARTMENT

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES.

SPICED TOMATOES. To four pounds of large red tomatoes, take two pounds of good brown sugar, one pint of cider vinegar, half an ounce of cloves, and half an ounce of stick cinnamon; stew all together in a preserving kettle until the tomatoes are cooked; take the tomatoes out and put them on dishes to cool, letting the syrup go on simmering slowly; when the tomatoes are cold, return them to the syrup for a little while; let them become cold before putting them in the jars. The syrup must be boiled down as thick as molasses, and poured over the tomatoes; tie them down with bladder or waxed paper.

QUEEN'S PUDDING. One quart of sweet milk, one pint of bread crumbs, five eggs, one teaspoon of corn starch, one large or two small lemons, one cup of common sugar, and one of pulverized sugar; bring the milk to a scald; pour it over the bread crumbs and let it cool; beat the yolks of the eggs and one cup of common sugar together, and mix in the corn starch also; just before putting in to bake, add the grated rind of the lemon, and bake twenty minutes. Beat the whites of the eggs and one cup of pulverized sugar together, and add the lemon juice; when the pudding is done put this on the top and set it in the oven for a few minutes. To be eaten cold.

ROLY-POLY.—Take one quart of flour; make a good biscuit crust; roll out one half inch thick, and spread with any kind of fruit, fresh or preserved; fold so that the fruit will not run out; dip cloth into boiling water, and flour it, and lay around the pudding closely, leaving room to swell; steam one or one and a half hours; serve with boiled sauce, or lay in steamer without a cloth, and steam for one hour.

STEAMED PUDDING.—One cup suet, half a cup of molasses, half a cup of sugar, two eggs, one cup of sweet-milk, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar dissolved in the milk, which you add the last thing. Butter a dish or bowl, strew a few raisins on the bottom; steam for two hours.

COTTAGE PUDDING.—Two eggs, one cup of sugar, one cup of milk, three and a half cups of flour, one teaspoon of soda, two of cream tartar, one teaspoon of butter melted, and put in the last thing; steam one and a half or two hours.

SOFT GINGER BREAD.—One pint of molasses, five eggs, one coffee-cup of sour milk, one of butter, one tablespoon of ginger, one tablespoon of soda, flour to thicken; bake in long tin.

FRENCH TOAST.—To one egg thoroughly beaten, put one cup of sweet milk and a little salt. Slice light bread, and dip into the mixture, allowing each slice to absorb some of the milk; then brown on a hot buttered griddle; spread with butter and serve hot.

CODFISH BALLS.—Take four cups of mashed potatoes, three cups of boiled codfish, minced fine, add butter: mix well together; then add two well beaten eggs, beating it up again thoroughly; drop by spoonfuls into hot lard and fry the same as doughnuts. Are nice fried in croquette baskets.

POACHED EGGS.—Break as many eggs as you wish to use, one at a time, and drop carefully into a spider filled with boiling water. When the whites of the eggs are well set, slip a spoon carefully under and take out, lay each upon a small piece of buttered toast on the platter. Put a very small piece of butter on each egg, a slight dash of pepper, and serve immediately.

MACARONI.—Cook macaroni in water until soft; then put in a deep dish with alternate layers of grated crackers and cheese, a little salt; fill up the dish, and bake one hour.

CURRANT JELLY. Take the currants when they first ripen; pick them from the stem and put them on the stove in a stone jar, bruising them with a wooden spoon; then, when warm, squeeze through a coarse cloth or flannel, and put the juice on in a new pan or porcelain kettle; one quart of juice requires two pounds of sugar, or a pound to a pint; boil fifteen minutes; to be a nice color the currants should not come in contact with iron spoons, or tin dishes, unless new and bright; should be made quickly. It never fails to jelly well if currants are not too ripe. The same method for jam, only do not strain the currants, but mash them well. Currants should not be dead ripe for jelly or jam.

NICE LITTLE CAKES—CHEAP.—One-half cup butter, one-half cup sugar, one-half cup milk, three cups flour, two eggs, two spoonfuls first-class baking powder. Mode Beat the eggs, add the sugar, the batter well beaten, and half a nutmeg if the flavour be approved of, if not any other spice, or a few drops of essence of any kind; mix the baking powder well with the flour, and add by degrees to the mixture; bake in small patty pans half an hour in a quick oven. They will be found very good if properly made.

TOMATOES WHOLE FOR WINTER USE. Fill a large stone jar with ripe tomatoes, then add a few whole cloves and a little sugar; cover them well with one half cold vinegar and half water; place a piece of flannel over the jar well down into the vinegar, then tie down with paper. I have kept tomatoes in this way the year round, and can cheerfully recommend them. Should mildew collect on the flannel it will not injure the tomatoes in the least.

TOMATO CATSUP.—Boil the tomatoes until quite soft, and rub them well through a sieve: to every quart add two ounces shalots and large red peppers, or one teaspoonful cayenne pepper, one ounce bruised ginger, one spoonful salt, a few cloves; boil until reduced one-third; before taking off the fire add a half-pint vinegar to each quart.

CHILI SAUCE.—To nine large ripe tomatoes and three green peppers, add one onion chopped fine, two cups of vinegar, two tablespoons of sugar, and one of salt; steam one hour, then add one teaspoon of ginger, one of allspice, and one of cloves.

GOVERNOR'S SAUCE. Slice a peck of green tomatoes, sprinkle salt over them, say about a cupful, and let them stand one night; in the morning pour off the liquor, and put them in a kettle with vinegar enough to cover them, add six green or red peppers, (moderate size), four large onions chopped fine, one cup of brown sugar, one cup of scraped horse-radish, a tablespoonful of cloves, one of allspice, a teaspoonful of cayenne, one of white pepper; let it simmer till soft, put into jars and always keep it air tight.

CHEESE SCALLOP.—Soak one cup of dry bread crumbs in fresh milk. Beat into this three eggs; add one tablespoon of butter and one-half a pound of grated cheese; stew upon the top sifted bread crumbs, and bake in the oven a delicate brown. An excellent relish when eaten with thin slices of bread and butter.

SAGO AND APPLE PUDDING.—Boil a cup of sago in boiling water with a little cinnamon, a cup of sugar, lemon flavouring; cut apples in thin slices, mix them with the sago; after it is well boiled add a small piece of butter; pour into pudding dish and bake half an hour.

GELATINE.—Take a good packet of gelatine, the juice and rinds of three lemons, soak for one hour in a pint of cold water; then add three pints boiling water, two pounds of white sugar, one pint of wine; strain into moulds, and set out to cool.

TOMATO SOUP WITHOUT MEAT. One quart of tomatoes, one quart of water, one quart of milk; butter, salt, and pepper to taste. Cook the tomatoes thoroughly in the water, have the milk scalding, (over water to prevent scorching.) When the tomatoes are done, add a large teaspoonful of saleratus, which will cause a violent effervescence. It is best to set the vessel in a pan before adding it to prevent waste. When the commotion has ceased add the milk and seasoning. When it is possible it is best to use more milk than water, and cream instead of butter. The soup is eaten with crackers, and is by some preferred to oyster soup. This recipe is very valuable for those who keep abstinence days.

OYSTER PATTIES.—Make some rich puff paste and bake it in very small tin patty pans; when cool, turn them out upon a large dish; stew some large fresh oysters with a few cloves, a little mace and nutmeg; then add the yolk of one egg, boiled hard and grated; add a little butter, and as much of the oyster liquor as will cover them. When they have stewed a little while, take them out of the pan and set them to cool. When quite cold, lay two or three oysters in each shell of puff paste.

MOCK DUCK.—Take the round of beefsteak; salt and pepper either side; prepare bread or crackers with oysters or without, as for stuffing a turkey; lay your stuffing on the meat; sew up and roast about an hour; and even though you do not see the wings and legs you will think you have roast duck.

CHICKEN SALAD.—Boil one chicken tender, then take the meat and chop up; take two tablespoons of mustard, three eggs boiled hard, chop the whites with the chickens, the yolks rub up fine with the mustard, one tablespoon of salt, three tablespoons melted butter, one tablespoon of black pepper, vinegar enough to moisten it; chop three heads of celery to one chicken, mix all together and serve.

SALAD DRESSING FOR CABBAGE OR LETTUCE.—Three eggs, two teaspoons of black pepper, one teaspoon salt, one tablespoon mustard, three of melted butter, six teaspoons of sweet cream, one coffee cup of vinegar; put all together, on stove, and cook till it looks smooth like cream, stirring all the time to keep from burning; then, when cold, put over cabbage chopped fine.

CABBAGE SALAD.—First prepare the cabbage by letting it stand for some time in cold water, in order to make it crisp; dry well and shave as finely as possible. Choose a firm white cabbage. Dressing: Rub together a piece of butter the size of a walnut, and one tablespoon of flour; stir in two tablespoons of vinegar, and scald for a minute; then add the yolk of an egg (beaten) and two tablespoons of cream; salt and pepper to taste.

DRESSING FOR SALAD.—Two raw eggs, one tablespoon of butter, eight tablespoons of vinegar; one-half teaspoon of mustard; put in a bowl over boiling water, and stir until it becomes like cream; pepper and salt to your taste.

ALMOND ICING FOR CAKES.—To every pound of finely powdered loaf sugar allow one pound sweet almonds, the whites of four eggs, a little rose-water. Blanch the almonds and pound them (a few at a time) in a mortar to a paste, adding a little rose-water to hasten the operation. Whisk the whites of the eggs to a strong froth, mix them with the pounded almonds, stir in sugar and beat all together. When your cake is sufficiently baked lay on the almond icing, and put it in the oven to dry. Before laying this mixture on the cake, great care must be taken that it is nice and smooth, which is easily accomplished by well beating the mixture.

STUFFED BEEFSTEAK. Stuffed beefsteak can be prepared from a rather poor flank or round-steak. Pound well, season with pepper and salt, then spread with a nice dressing; roll out and tie closely with twine. Put in a kettle a quart of boiling water; boil slowly one hour, take out and place in dripping pan, adding water in which it was boiled, basting until a nice brown, and making gravy of the drippings. It is delicious, sliced cold.

POTATO PUFF. Two cups cold mashed potatoes, three tablespoons melted butter, beaten to a cream; add two well-beaten eggs, one cup cream or milk; pour in a deep dish, and bake in a quick oven.

BREAD PUDDING.—One pint stale bread, one quart of milk, the yolks of four eggs beaten, a small cup white sugar, the grated rind of a lemon, and a piece of butter the size of an egg; mix all well together, bake; when cool, spread it well with jelly; beat the whites of the eggs very stiff with five spoons white sugar, with the juice of a lemon, pour over the top of the pudding; put in the oven to stiffen.

TO COLOR BLUE.—A splendid blue may be produced in an hour by the following process: For one pound wool or cloth take two and a half ounces alum, and one and a half ounces cream tartar; boil these together in a brass or copper kettle for about an hour: now take sufficient warm water to cover the cloth or wool, and color it to the shade you wish with the liquid blue; put the whole into a copper pot and boil it a short time, taking care to keep it stirred; remove the cloth, rinse in clear cold water, and hang it up to dry.

SCARLET (very superior).—Three ounces of cochineal, three ounces cream tartar, and four ounces solution of tin. Powder the cochineal and rub through a bag into blood-warm water sufficient to color the yarn. When it is a little warm put in the cream tartar, and simmer, then add your solution of tin. Your yarn must be wet with clean water; steep it in the dye till the yarn is properly dyed. Dry your yarn before you wash it. This will color three pounds.

GREEN.—For five pounds goods use five pounds fustic and 18 ounces alum; soak in water until the strength is extracted, put in the goods until of a good yellow color; remove the chips and add extract of indigo in small quantities at a time until the color is satisfactory.

YELLOW.—One pound of wool or cloth, three quarters pound of fustic, quarter pound alum; put all in an earthen vessel, and pour on sufficient hot water to cover the wool and keep it warm all night; give it half an hour's boil in a brass kettle, and then rinse in cold water. A much deeper and richer yellow may be had by using turmeric powder instead of fustic, and proceeding in the same manner.

ORANGE (on cotton).—For one pound take two ounces sugar of lead and one and a half ounces bichromate of potash. Dissolve each separately in just enough boiling water to cover the cotton, and dip it alternately from one to the other three times, or until the desired shade is obtained.

TO RESTORE FROZEN PLANTS.—As soon as discovered, pour cold water over the plant wetting every leaf thoroughly. In a few moments it will be crystallized with a thick coating of ice. In this state place it in the dark, carefully covered with a newspaper. The ice will slowly melt, leaving the plant in its original state of health.

STOVE POLISH.—Stove lustre, when mixed with turpentine and applied in the usual manner, is blacker, more glossy, and more durable than when mixed with any other liquid. The turpentine prevents rust, and when put on an old rusty stove will make it look as well as new.

Matches have not yet displaced the tinder box in certain remote districts of Spain and Italy.

The shores of the British Islands, Holland and France maintain the greatest number of lighthouses in proportion to mileage.

In tropical forests so large a proportion of plants are of the sensitive variety that sometimes the path of a traveller may be traced by the wilted foliage.

A bill-posting machine, which sticks bills on walls, even so high as 50 feet, without the use of a ladder or paste-pot, is doing successful work in Europe.

A pneumatic tube connects Paris with Berlin. It is used for postal purposes, and makes it possible for a letter posted in Paris to be delivered in Berlin in thirty minutes.

In China a man cannot by will dispose of his land in favor of any one person, whether relative or stranger; it must be distributed among all his male children without exception.

To heighten the beauty and utility of a collection of books, as well as to aid in their preservation, a modern bookcase ought to be used. Books need to be kept free from dust, and they are preserved and best seen behind glass doors. Nothing pays a larger return on the investment than the bookcase, considered as an article of ornamental furniture or in connection with the care of valuable works.

The quaint old accomplishment of paper cutting has become almost a lost art, except where it is still remembered by a few old women as having been fashionable when they were young. Perhaps some of them can still take a piece of paper and a pair of scissors and cut out designs, but their hands are too old and tremulous to execute as delicate and complex patterns as they used to make. The designs for these cut papers was never drawn, but the paper was generally doubled so that the pattern, when unfolded, was duplex, giving a certain regularity.

The burrowing of London with a view of reliving the street traffic, and of affording the public means of rapid transit between important points in the Metropolis, goes on apace. The two lines now in course of construction are the Waterloo and City and the Central London Railways.

Boiled potatoes are much slower to digest than roasted or baked, the former requiring $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and the latter from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

The highest temperature in the world is recorded in the great desert of Africa, where the thermometer often marks 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cases are reported of eyes that became seriously inflamed by looking at an electric drill working, one of the at a distance of 10 to 12 yards.

Japanese matches have invaded India, China and America. Osaka alone last year furnished 100,000 boxes, employing 13,340 adults and many children.

The risk of being struck by lightning is five times greater in the country than in the cities, said to be owing to the great number of wires in cities.

There are 48 different materials used in constructing a piano, which comes from no fewer than sixteen countries.

Chinese clocks have a dial that turns around while the hands are stationary. There are two dials one for the hour, the other for the minute.

The population of the Province of Ontario is 2,114,321.

The largest number of executions in England was in the reign of Henry VIII., in which period 71,400 persons were either hanged or beheaded. In one year 300 beggars were executed for soliciting alms.

In the year 1820 no fewer than 46 persons were hanged for forging Bank of England cheques.

In 1234 the Mediterranean Sea froze over, and traffic was carried on with carts.

The lowest degree of cold ever registered was in Siberia, in the year 1820, when the mercury went down to 73 below zero.

A hive of 5,000 bees produces about 50 pounds of honey yearly. The world's output is 185,000,000 pounds.

There is iron enough in the blood of 42 men to make a plowshare weighing 24 pounds.—Perhaps.

In 1468 the wine dealers in Antwerp sold wine in frozen blocks.

The cow eats 276 plants, and rejects 218.

In Norway there are 2,180 lepers.

Over 800 tons of steel are used yearly in making steel pens. Birmingham takes 500 tons.

Sumatra produces 28,000,000 pounds of pepper yearly.

The total production of quinine throughout the world is 11,230,000 pounds.

France exports 20,000 tons of sardines annually.

The first Atlantic cable was laid to Canada in 1858.

The Victoria bridge was the first railway bridge across the St. Lawrence river, formally opened for traffic by the Prince of Wales in 1860.

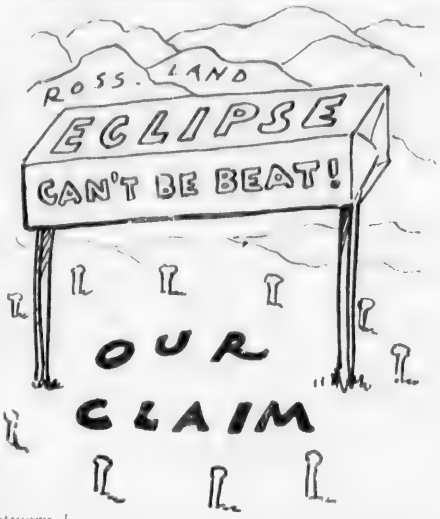
Canada has 1,000,000 acres of unexplored territory.

The first British Canadian coin was issued in 1858.

The Royal family cost the British people $2,805,000, of which the Queen gets $1,925,000.

In Syria, 1,500 divers are employed diving for sponges. They pick up annually $125,000 worth of sponges.

Italy produces 31,000,000 gallons of olive oil.



One trial of Eclipse soap will prove to you its superiority over any other laundry soap. Eclipse soap sells on its quality, and doesn't require bicycles or gold watches to help its sale.

London, England, has a population of over 5,000,000.

The gross public debt of Canada in 1892, amounted to $295,333,274.

China has a population of 404,180,000.

The total strength of the Canadian militia is nearly 40,000.

A note drawn on Sunday is void.

In France 1,225 wolves were killed in 1882, for which the government paid $30,000.

France produces 720 million gallons of wine yearly, valued at $225,000,000.

In Italy the number of murders annually is 2,470.

The Emperor of Austria has an opal weighing 17 ounces, for which he received an offer of $250,000.

Baltimore produces 7 million bushels of oysters annually.

Cape Colony produced 2[illegible],000 pounds of ostrich feathers annually, valued at $5,200,000.

About 300 gallons of oil will suffice in twenty minutes to smooth the roughest sea.

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[illegible] weighs two ounces [illegible] 70 to 80 times a [illegible]

A cubic foot of [illegible] fifteen pounds, wh[illegible] foot of gold weighs [illegible]

A ton of pure gold is wo[illegible] $[illegible]0,21. $1,000,000 [illegible] coin weighs 3,185.8 pounds. A ton of silver is worth $[illegible] [illegible] $1,000,000 in silver coin weighs 58,929.8 pounds.

Sound moves about thirteen miles in a minute; so that if we hear a clap of thunder half a minute after the flash, we may calculate that the discharge of electricity is six and a half miles off. Were a cannon ball shot toward the sun, and it were to maintain full speed, it would be 20 years in reaching it; yet light travels through this space in seven or eight minutes.

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The word "reverend" occurs but once, which is in the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

St. Winnifred's well, in England, emits 120 tons of water per minute, furnishing abundant power to drive eleven mills within little more than a mile.

The flight of wild ducks is estimated at 90 miles per hour, that of the swift at 200 miles, carrier pigeons 38 miles, swallows 60 miles. Migratory birds have crossed the Mediterranean at a speed of 120 miles an hour.

The Nile has a fall of 6 inches in 1,000 miles. The rise of the river commences in June, continuing until the middle of August, attaining an elevation of 24 to 26 feet, and flowing the valley of Egypt 12 miles wide. In 1829 it rose to 26 cubits, by which 30,000 persons were drowned. It is a terrible climate to live in, owing to the festering heat and detestable exhalations from the mud, etc. left on the retiring of the Nile, which adds about 4 inches to the soil in a century, and encroaches on the sea 16 feet every year. Bricks have been found at a depth of 60 feet, showing the vast antiquity of the country. In productiveness of the soil it is excelled by no other in the world.

The biggest cavern is the Mammoth Cave, in Edmonson County, Kentucky. It is near Green River, about six miles from Cave City, and twenty-eight from Bowling Green. The cave consists of a succession of irregular chambers, some of which are large, situated on different levels. Some of these are traversed by the navigable branches of the subterranean Echo River. Blind fish are found in its waters.

The largest one of the Egyptian pyramids is 543 feet high, 693 feet on the sides, and its base covers 11 acres. The layers of stone are 208 in number. Many stones are over 30 feet long, 4 broad and 3 thick.

There are 1,000,000 date palms in India, producing annually four pounds of sugar each.

Wheels for railway freight cars are now sometimes made of compressed paper instead of iron.

Great Britain makes 330 million pins weekly.

A reindeer can travel with a sleigh 130 miles a day.

The United States consumes 2,100,000 tons of steel annually for railway purposes.

Miss Beckwith, at the age of 14, swam from London to Greenwich, a distance of seven miles, in 90 minutes.

Tides are a result of the combined attracting forces of the sun and moon.

The railways of the world carry 145,000,000 persons monthly; average fare 38 cents.

The steamers between Europe and North America carry seventy thousand persons monthly.

The average life in America is, farmers, 64 yrs.; lawyers, 62 yrs.; merchants, 48 yrs., seamen, 46 yrs.; laborers, 44 yrs.; teamsters, 42 yrs., and tradesmen, 41 yrs.

For washing winter flannels, white duck, or any other garments, use Eclipse soap; no value like it.

There are annually a quarter of a million accidental deaths throughout the world.

Norway has about 1,100 miles of railroad, operated almost exclusively by the Government on a sort of co-partnership of individual capitalists, municipalities, and the State. At the middle of last year the railroads had 260 stations, or one to every four miles of road, and the aggregate cost of all the lines has been $39,329,700, or $36,150 per mile.

According to the Chinese, playing cards were invented in China in 1120, and Leim Ho, who was reigning at that time, devised them for the entertainment of his wives. The Puritans called playing cards "the devil's picture book."

An enthusiastic church member of Philadelphia has just contributed $1 to the church on his birthday, pledging himself to double the amount on each anniversary of his birth for the rest of his life. If he keeps this pledge, and lives long enough, the church will have plenty of money, for the amount of his offering on his birthday twenty-five years hence will be something over $16,000,000.

The cheapening of literature in England has resulted in the production of books creditably printed and sold for a penny. Dickens, Scott, Goldsmith, Lytton, and other standard authors, bound in stiff covers, are now procurable in this series.

The authorized capital of chartered gold mining companies in Canada is estimated to be $200,000,000.

Two Mauritius postage stamps of the issue of 1858, belonging to Dr. Legrand's collection, have been sold for 48,000 francs to M. Bernichon, of Paris. There are only 17 impressions of these stamps in existence.

Light travels about 192,000 miles in a second; it could pass around the earth in the eighth of a second.

What is the difference between a baby and a pair of boots? One I was, and the other I wear.

It is easier to wash with soft water than with hard water, because soft water unites freely with soap, and dissolves it instead of decomposing it as hard water does.

The area within Toronto limits not including the Island or portions of city land covered by water, is 16,391 acres, or 16.2 square miles.

In this area there is a population of 220,000 by city directory census, 1897.

There are 256.40 miles of streets, of which, including broken stone roadways, 176.9 miles are paved, and 79.5 miles unpaved.

82¼ miles of lanes.

228.17 miles of sewers.

439 miles of sidewalks.

248.33 miles of water mains.

Annual revenue from waterworks, 1896, $154,000; 7,000,000,000 gallons supplied annually.

225 miles of gas mains.

120 miles of underground electric conduit.

4,288 miles of overhead electric wires.

80 miles of steam railway track.

85.28 miles of street railway track.

Number of passengers carried by Street Railway Company during 1896, 23,537,921.

Annual revenue received by city from Street Railway Company 1896, $138,921.67.

The estimated value of property owned by the city is over $8,400,000.

Total assessment of property in city (1897) $129,995,522.

Property in city exempt from taxation, value, $22,158,515.

Value of buildings [illegible] 1897, $ 346,810.

Registered attendance at the public schools in 1896, 28,000. Annual cost [illegible] $186,596.36.

Public school teachers [illegible]

Attendance at Separate R.C. Schools in 1896, 1,718; [illegible]

Attendance at Universities and Colleges in 1896 (directory census) about [illegible]

Attendance at various Ladies' Colleges in city (directory census) about [illegible]

Attendance at high schools, 1,000; teachers, 33; annual cost 1896, $40,181.

Cathedrals in city, 2 (St. James' and St. Michael).

Churches in city (all denominations) 389.

Licensed hotels and saloons, 15[illegible]

Theatres and [illegible]

Public Library, 97,800 [illegible] 553,000; annual [illegible] 32,000. Other libraries, 15,000 [illegible]

Area of Public Parks at [illegible] 1,044½ acres.

Free band concerts in parks during summer.

Museums, Toronto University, Biological Department, School of Science, Trinity University, Victoria University, Educational Department Museum and Ontario Archæological Museum.

Free public markets; no toll gates.

City grants to hospitals and charities (1895) $85,000.

Attendance at Industrial Exhibition, 1896, 303,000; prizes given, $34,150.

Goods brought to Toronto by water (1896) 189,000 tons.

Coal received by rail and water, 1896) 601,000 tons.

Value of goods imported into Toronto (year July 1894 to June 1895) $18,524,555.75.

Value of goods exported out of Toronto (year July 1894 to June 1895) $4,052,651.00.

Bank clearing house total for 1896, $312,831,851.

Business commercial ratings for city, $6,300.

Bell Telephone [illegible] in city, 5,100.

Policemen, 257; cost of Police Department, $223,000.

Firemen, 174; cost of Fire Department, $240,000.

The Buddhist cloister in Tibet, and the post-house in Ancomasca, in Peru, are both 16,000 feet above the sea.

In less than half a century ocean steamers will sail continuously between Liverpool and Fort William. We only now need to deepen our canals; and the deeper our canals are the fewer locks will be required.

All the gold in the world, if it could be collected, would form a heap 45 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 25 feet high. A cubic foot weighs fully 1,200 pounds.

Miss Cresswell, postmistress, of Gibraltar, gets $3,500 a year.

In Norway a married couple on the railway pays only a fare and a half. It is the same in Austria-Hungary.

The British mile is 1,760 yds.; Irish, 2,240; Portuguese, 6,760; German (short) 6,859; Danish, 8,244; Swiss, 9,153; German (long) 10,126; Swedish, 11,700, or nearly seven of our miles.

There are 900,000 miles of telegraph lines in use throughout the world, with 2,360,000 miles of wire. The submarine cables measure 125,000 miles, and cost £200,000,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is the longest in the world. From Montreal to Vancouver is 2,900 miles.

G. A. McBride, of Ottawa, Canada, is the fastest living type-writer.

Caraway seeds are grown for the market in many parts of Europe and South of England.

The South Sea Islanders make an intoxicating drink from corn and decayed fish.

Whiskey may be made from molasses, beet-root, potatoes, and many other substances.

Cinnamon was brought to Greece and Rome before the time of Christ by Arabian merchants.

All the mending for the week should be regularly and promptly done, and accumulation not permitted.

A great deal of sickness may be prevented by the free use of disinfectants in and about dwelling-houses.

New tins should be set over the fire with boiling water in them for several hours before food is put into them.

Painted woodwork is more desirable than natural finish for bed-rooms, or wherever especially dainty effects are desired.

Two or three thicknesses of newspaper laid on the floor before laying matting will treble the length of wear of the matting.

Perfect rest may be had by spreading a small sheet on the floor and lying flat down, so that every muscle may relax.

Brooms and brushes will last twice as long if they are hung up instead of left standing.

A nutmeg tree of the largest size will produce no more than five pounds of nutmegs, and one to two pounds of mace at a crop.

A good way of using up stale bread is to bake it well in a moderate oven, then roll finely with a paste pin. This saves buying rasps for ham, fish, etc.

The water in which potatoes are boiled is very effective in keeping silver bright. It can be bottled for use, and if required to be kept for a long time, a tenth part of methylated spirits will do this.

A lump of soda laid on the drain-pipe will prevent the pipe from becoming clogged up with grease. It is well also to flood the pipes once a week with boiling water in which a little soda has been dissolved.

A leak may be temporarily closed by a mixture of soap, whiting and a little water.

The old nursery rhymes are immortal, surely next in favor and permanence is Eclipse soap; just as good for cleaning paint work and floor-scrubbing, as for washing clothes. Be sure to use Eclipse soap.

Skim-milk added to twice the quantity of warm water cleans graining or any varnished wood-work easily, and injures the varnish less than any other preparation, as proved by many years' trial. It brightens up oil-cloths to wash them over with skim-milk after cleaning.

When you suspect what you are cooking has been scorched because you have neglected it just for one moment too long, lift the vessel holding the food quickly from the fire and place it in a pan of water for a few minutes. In almost every case the scorched taste will entirely disappear.

If you have a spare window in a cool room try growing petunias. Take up small garden plants before they are frost-bitten, pot them in good earth, and trim them, removing all buds. Place them in a cool room with plenty of sunlight, and keep well watered. Before many weeks you will be amply repaid for your trouble.

Everybody ought to know that the very best thing one can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple has remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. It is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. No harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before retiring for the night.

Powdered borax thickly strewn around the pipes and closets, when closing the house for the summer, will greatly lessen the number of roaches.

A sick headache can frequently be cured by the application of a mild mustard plaster to the pit of the stomach.

The society for eating horse flesh, founded at Paris in 1866, consumes over 20,000,000 pounds yearly, at a cost of five cents a pound. The average yield of meat being 450 pounds per horse.

Light blue eyes are the strongest, next grey ones, and the last, those that are black.

"Jingo" is said to be a corruption of St. Gengulphus. Jingoism, or warlike bravado, dates from the Russo-Turkish war in 1878, where there was an anti-Russian feeling in London, and a popular song began, "We don't want to fight, but by jingo if we do, we've got the ships, we've got the men, and we've got the money, too."

Cuba no longer deserves the name of "The Ever Faithful Isle."

When untravelled natives of the States hear "God Save the Queen" for the first time, they think it is "America" struck up in their honor not knowing that the tune is our

There is, perhaps, a greater variety of educational institutions in Toronto, than in any othe city of its size in all the world. Besides four establishments having university powers, there are two Medical Colleges for men, one Women's Medical College, a Normal School, a Veterinary College, a Pharmacy College, a Dental College, numerous Commercial Schools, and many Ladies' Colleges.

Toronto is 350 feet above the sea; Hamilton, 372; Windsor, 604; London, 832; Woodstock, 980; Brantford, 750; Galt, 870; Guelph, 1,157; Stratford, 1,182; Ottawa, 236; Fort William, 644; Goderich, 728; Barrie, 779; Winnipeg, 764; Minnedosa, 1,665; Medicine Hat, 2,136, and Calgary, 3,389.

It is declared that no case of lynching has ever taken place in Canada. More than 200 persons are lynched in the States annually.

The Governors-General of Canada since 1867 have been Monck, Lisgar (Sir John Young), Dufferin, Lorne, Lansdowne, Stanley, and our present head, the Earl of Aberdeen.

Japan has not the cheapest postal system in the world, although a letter goes anywhere in the empire for seven-tenths of a penny. In British India letters cost only a half-penny each, post cards a farthing, and books three pence a pound.

The widest plank ever sawn was 16 feet across, made in California, and exhibited at the World's Fair.

The largest globe ever made was that erected in the Machinery Hall, Paris Exhibition, in 1889; it was 40 feet high, and contained 20,000 incandescent lights.

The largest price ever paid for a bull was £4,500, paid by Lord Fitzhardinge.

It has been estimated by a dealer in artificial limbs, that three hundred thousand people wear wooden substitutes for lost legs.

The largest price paid for a sheep was $5,500 for a Merino.

Gustav Jovanavitch, the greatest cattle dealer in Russia, owns 600,000 acres of land, over a million sheep, and thirty-four thousand shepherd dogs.

Much so-called Mocha is grown in the East Indies and sent to Mocha.

BOOK RHYMES.

Steal not this book for fear of shame,
For in you see the owner's name
And when you die, the Lord will say,
"Where is the book you stole away

Small is the wren
Black is the rook,
Great is the sinner
That steals this book.

This book is one thing,
My fist's another,
Touch this one thing,
You'll feel the other.

If thou art borrowed by a friend,
Right welcome shall he be
To read, to study not to lend,
But to return to me.

This is ———'s book
You may just within it look,
But you'd better do no more
For the devil's at the door,
And will snatch at fingering hands;
Look behind you—there he stands.

Give your attention as you read,
And frequent pauses take;
Think seriously, and take good heed
That you no dog's ears make.
Don't wet your finger as you turn
The pages one by one;
Never touch prints, observe and learn,
Each idle gait to shun.

OLD RHYMES.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
A pocket full of money, and a cellar full of beer,
And a good fat pig to serve you all the year.

Here's to the plough, the fleece, and the flail,
May the farm ever flourish, and the farmer never fail.

Love to thee I send this six loves,
If you love me
Leave out the O,
And make a pair of loves.

Apples and pears with right good corn,
Come in plenty to every one;
Eat and drink good cake and hot ale,
Give earth to drink, and she'll not fail.

God bless the master of this house,
The mistress also,
And all the little children
That round the table grow,
With their pockets full of money
And their bottles full of beer,
I wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

April fool's gone past
You're the biggest fool at last,
When April fool comes again,
You'll be the biggest fool then.

The first day of May is dripping day,
The sixth of May is love's fair day,

Robins and wrens are God's friends,
Martens and swallows are His scholars,

Hurt a robin or a wran
Never prosper boy or man.

Why I cannot tell,
But I know full well,
With wind in the east
Fish bite not the least.

If you wish to live and thrive
Let a spider run alive.

Different people have different pinions,
Some like apples, and some like inions.

If all the world was apple-pie,
And all the sea was ink,
And all the trees were bread and cheese,
What would we do for drink?

See a pin and let it lie
Sure to want before you die;
See a pin and pick it up,
All day you'll have good luck.

If your whip-stick's made of rowan
You may ride your nag through any town.

Sneeze on Monday morning fasting
You'll enjoy your own true love to everlasting.

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Chlorate of potash dissolved in water is a standard remedy for sore throat, particularly when the throat feels raw.

A square mile contains 640 acres. A barrel of flour weighs 196 pounds. A barrel of pork weighs 200 lbs. A firkin of butter weighs 56 lbs. Measure 209 feet on each side and you will have a square acre within an inch.

The largest and fastest passenger engine ever built was by the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, for the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company The main driving wheels are six feet in diameter and are set seven feet six inches apart. This arrangement makes her run easily on curves. The cylinders are eighteen inches in diameter, with twenty-four-inch stroke. The boiler is fifty-four inches in diameter at the smoke-stack, with a wagon top. It extends to the very end of the cab, and necessitates the elevation of the engineer's seat to a height far above the fire-door. The fire required three tons of coal before the engine pulled out of the round-house to make her trips, and four tons will be carried on the tender. The tank of the latter will hold 4,000 gallons of water, and the total weight of the engine proper is 93,000 to 95,000 pounds. The weight on the driving wheels will be 66,000 pounds.

Woman, the crown of creation. Herder

All that I am my mother made me. John Q. Adams.

Woman is most perfect when most womanly.—Gladstone.

Woman is a miracle of divine contradictions. —Michelet.

Narrow waists and narrow minds go together. —Comfort.

Shakespeare has no heroes; he has only heroines.—Ruskin.

In wishing to extend her empire woman destroys it.—Cabanis.

I wish Adam had died with all his ribs in his body.—Boucicault.

If woman lost us Eden, such as she alone can restore it.—Whittier.

To a gentleman, every woman is a lady in right of her sex.—Bulwer.

A handsome woman is a jewel; a good woman a treasure.—Saadi.

What is a woman; Only one of nature's agreeable blunders.—Cowley.

Women detest a serpent through a professional jealousy.—Victor Hugo.

A fashionable woman is always in love with herself.—Rochefoucauld.

A woman changes oft; who trusts her is the softest of the soft.—Francis I.

All women are good—good for something or good for nothing. —Cervantes.

Handsome women without religion are like flowers without perfume.—Heine.

A passionate woman's love is over-shadowed by her fear.—George Eliot.

There never yet was a fair woman but she made mouths in a glass. —Shakespeare

Between a woman's "yes" and "no" I would not venture to stick a pin.—Cervantes.

O woman! thou wert fashionable to beguile, so have all sages said, all poets sung. Jean Ingelow.

Earth has nothing more tender than a woman's heart when it is the abode of pity. Luther.

Ideas are like beards—men never have any until they grow up, and women have none at all. Voltaire.

Trust not a woman when she weeps, for it is her nature to weep when she wants her way. Socrates.

Often the virtue of a woman must be very great, since it has to suffice for two. —Elizabeth of Roumania.

A horse's age may be told thus, by its teeth, of which it has 40; 24 double teeth or grinders, 4 tushes, and 12 front teeth. Mares usually have no tushes. Between 2 and 3 years old the colt sheds his four middle teeth, two above and two below. After three years two other teeth are shed—one on each side of those formerly changed; he now has eight colt's teeth and eight horse's teeth. When 4 years old he cuts four new teeth; at 5 years he sheds the remaining colt's teeth, and his tushes appear. At 6 his tushes are up; at 8 his mouth is said to be full. Beyond this age the years may be reckoned by the eyelids. At nine a wrinkle comes on the upper corner of the lower lid, and another forms every year afterwards. Add the number of wrinkles to 9 and you have the horse's age.

The Queen's crown is worth a million and a half dollars. It weighs nearly two pounds, and contains 3,000 precious stones, mostly diamonds.

UNLESS IT IS ECLIPSE.

The largest collection of coins in the world is in Vienna. It numbers 125,000. Dr. Hunter's collection in Glasgow, cost $105,000.

Yorkminster has the finest organ in existence. Its largest pipe is 32 feet long.

In England it costs about $23 to cremate a human body. In France it only costs 60 cents. The time required for an adult body is an hour and a half, and the ashes weigh from 3 to 5 pounds.

When Astor, the United States millionaire, married Miss Willing in 1891 the wedding cost $1,500.

The longest telegram ever sent was the revised version of the New Testament, telegraphed from New York to the Chicago Tribune, May 22nd, 1882. It filled 16 pages of the paper.

A horse can eat as long as he is awake, because its stomach is small in proportion to its size, and its digestion is rapid.

The longest distance a vessel has been towed is 4,000 miles, from the coast of Brazil to Greenock.

Krupp's largest cannon fired a ball 4 feet long, and weighing 2,600 pounds. Each shot cost $1,500.

The largest sponge ever seen was 10 feet in circumference, and could hold 10 pailfuls of water.

In the world there are 200,000,000 Catholics, 175,000,000 Mahometans, 140,000,000 Protestants, 80,000,000 Armenians and other Eastern churches: less than 10,000,000 are Jews.

The longest swim of 90 miles in 60 hours was performed by W. Beckwith in a match against Capt. Webb.

Blind Aleck, a Stirling beggar, knew all the Bible by heart. If a sentence was read to him he could name book, chapter, or verse, or if these were named he could give the exact words.

The largest ball-room in the world is at the west end of London. The Olympia hall is 440 feet long, 260 feet wide, and 100 feet high. 27,000 were once present in it.

The Suez Canal is 88 miles long; 66 miles were cut, and 22 were small lakes. It is 28 feet deep and 229 feet wide at the bottom. The cost was nearly $90,000,000.

A redwood tree was lately cut in Washington, 465 feet high, and 33 feet 11 inches in circumference at the base. It would make 96,3.5 feet of boards.

Artichoke (Cynara scolymus) is a pleasant vegetable, by no means generally eaten. Of old the juice was used as a cure for rheumatism; a virtue not claimed now.

Oil from the seeds of sunflower is one of the leading agricultural industries in the Czar's dominions now, and the people can clear more money from it than any other crop.

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Sir Robert Ball, the astronomer, says that, for communicating with the inhabitants of Mars, we would need a flag as large as Ireland, and a pole 500 miles long.

The largest tree in America, and perhaps in the world, is the "Father of the Forest," one of the California redwoods. Some of the Australian eucalypti are said to grow as tall.

Over 90,000,000 lobsters were bred and let loose last season at Wood's Holl, Mass., by the Federal Fish Commission.

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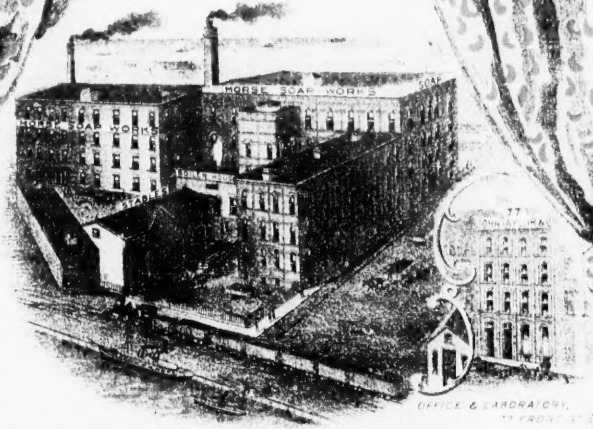

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